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(D) EC BRUSSELS 7261 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION OFFICER RAISED WITH EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY, DIETER FRISCH, AND A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF, PATRICK HOGUET, INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A. BOTH OFFICIALS SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO DEVOTE SEPT. 27 OF THE IFAD PREPCOM MEETING TO CAUCUSING BY EACH CATEGORY OF IFAD PARTICIPANTS. THE COMMISSION, HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL WITH MEMBER STATE EXPERTS BEFORE GIVING US A FINAL REPLY. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO INFORM US OF EC POSITION EARLY WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13. AS SUGGESTED IN
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OF THE POTENTIAL EC MEMBER STATE DONORS WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A CAUCUS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS. THEY NOTED THAT THE FRG, BELGIUM, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE U.K. ARE THE ONLY MEMBER STATE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAM.

2. REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PREPCOM MIGHT TRY TO NEGOTIATE A "FALLBACK" POSITION REGARDING THE IFAD TARGET LEVEL AND ROUGH PARITY ISSUES, COMMISSION OFFICIALS AGREE FULLY WITH US POSITION THAT PREPCOM MEETING IS NOT "EMPOWERED" FOR SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. THEY SAY SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WILL ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PLENIPOTENTIARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY.

3. COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT IFAD ISSUES WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT EC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22 (SEE REF D). HOWEVER, AT THE REQUEST OF THE FRG, THIS MEETING HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED TO SOMETIME IN OCTOBER AFTER THE FRG NATIONAL ELECTIONS. THUS, EC WILL NEED TO COORDINATE ITS IFAD POSITION THROUGH ITS COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT MATTERS. HINTON

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